Utah State Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2008

North & South Board Rooms Utah State Office of Education

APPROVED (with additions)

Members present: Joel Wright, Julie Adamic, Scott Smith, John Pingree, Barbara Killpack

Members excused: Eric Smith, Brian Allen

Staff present: Marlies Burns, John Taggart, Jeannie Rowland, Melinda Fatani, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Janene Bowen, Barbara Fink, Julia Barrientos, Charles Weber, Monty Hardy, Deb

Richards, James Costello, Steve Finley, Heather Traeden, Elizabeth Hatch, Mike Farley

Call to Order

Chair Julie Adamic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Joel Wright to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2008 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Charter School Board Chair's Report

Chair Julie Adamic commented on several bills that were being addressed in the legislative session.

Charter School Board Standing Committee Reports

- Accountability Committee-Chair Julie Adamic informed the SCSB of the discussion in their meeting regarding the accountability plan.
- Assistance Committee-Member Joel Wright informed the SCSB the Service Directory is posted on the website, but is still being refined.

Information Items:

School Lunch Program

Charlene Allert, Assistant Director for Child Nutrition Programs at USOE, presented information and the possibility of receiving the Federal Food Programs: National School Lunch Program, National School Breakfast Program, After School Snack Program, Special Milk Program and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Tracking Sheet

The SCSB discussed their position on bills of the legislative session.

- HB76-Government Competition and Privatization Act Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Joel Wright to "hold for further study and clarification." The motion carried unanimously.
- HB113-*School Financial Disclosure* Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Scott Smith to "support" the bill. The motion carried unanimously.
- HB160-*Charter School Law Revisions* Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded to "support" the bill. The motion carried unanimously.
- HB162-*Utah School Seismic Hazard Inventory* The SCSB took "no position" on the bill.
- HB163-*School Fee Amendments* Motion was made by Member Joel Wright and seconded by Member John Pingree to "support" the bill. The motion was carried unanimously.
- HB194- Class Size Reduction in Kindergarten through Grade Three Motion was made by Member Joel Wright and seconded by Member John Pingree for "no position" of the bill. The motion carried unanimously.

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- HB278-Charter School Funding Amendments Motion was made and seconded to "support with comment" the bill. The motion carried unanimously.
- HB319-*Review and Appropriation of Grants* Motion was made and seconded to "oppose" the bill. The motion carried unanimously.
- HB436-English Language Learner Family Literacy Center Programs Motion was made and seconded to "support" the bill. The motion was carried unanimously.
- SB36-Charter and Online Schools—Participation in Extracurricular Activities Motion was made and seconded to "support" the bill. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chair Julie Adamic stated because of the SCSB hearing multiple charter school amendments in their February and March board meetings, the SCSB would not take any action until the April State Charter School Board Meeting.

Action Items:

Amendments to Charters

- Dual Immersion-Add grades 7-8, increase enrollment by 150 for 500 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Emerson Alcott Academy-Ultimate enrollment request of 450 for the 2009-2010 school year (accelerate growth plan).
- Entheos Academy-Increase enrollment by 60 for 560 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Legacy Preparatory Academy-Increase enrollment by 168 for 668 students total for the 2009-2010 school year, increase enrollment by 84 for 752 students total for the 2010-2011 school year, and add grades 1012, increase enrollment by 262 for 1014 students total between the 2013-2015 school years.
- Soldier Hollow- Add a second class to each grade, K-8, as of the school year the 2009-2010, for a total of 396 students.
- Venture Academy-Add grade 9, increase enrollment by 50 for 500 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.

Consent Calendar

- Noah Webster Academy-Add grades 7-8, increase enrollment by 100 for 625 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Lincoln Academy-Increase enrollment by 50 for 590 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- American Leadership Academy-Increase enrollment by 100 for 1525 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Member Joel Wright and seconded by Member Scott Smith to recommend for approval Noah Webster Academy, Lincoln Academy and American Leadership Academy's amendment requests. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Barbara Killpack and seconded by Member Scott Smith to move into an executive session for the purpose of litigation and personal issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into an executive session at 11:45 a.m.

Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Scott Smith to reconvene into open meeting. The Board was polled and by unanimous vote, the Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Chair Julie Adamic stated because of the SCSB hearing multiple new charter school applications in their February and March board meetings, the SCSB would not take any action until the April State Charter School Board Meeting.

Action Items:

2009-2010 New Charter Applications

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- Wellness Learning Academy-Located in Washington School District, serving grades K-7 with a total enrollment of 800 students.
- Open High School of Utah-Located Statewide, serving grades 9-12 with a total enrollment of 500 students.
- Hawthorn Academy-Located in Jordan School District, serving grades K-8 with a total enrollment of 675 students.
- Early Light Academy-Located in Jordan School District, serving grades K-9 with a total enrollment of 750 students.
- Excelsior Academy-Located in Tooele School District, serving grades K-8 with a t total enrollment of 648 students.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Motion was made to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.by Member Scott Smith.

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